

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION Est.1939

March 2001 NEWSLETTER

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Blizzard is the Byword Greetings:

As I write this, we are expecting 6-10 inches of snow (again) and since I have just returned from a fantastic three weeks out in the bush of Tanzania and Kenya on safaris, in sunshine and 80s weather, I'm shivering and shivering during my re-entry here. But it will warm the cockles of your heart to know that at our next meeting, Monday, March 19th, 7:30 pm, at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, renowned artist Burton Longenbach will do an oil painting demonstration. You probably know that Burton is a multi-award winning artist in both oils and watercolors and his light-filled paintings are a delight. Our thanks once again to Debbie Tintle for getting us his program.

And also thank you to Debbie for getting us all the opportunity to show (and sell) our work at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Westfield (very close-New Providence Road, just off Rt. 22 East) during August and September. There is room for 100 paintings; the hospital will help us hang, and they would like paintings more or less suitable for the children (i.e. no nudes or really depressing subjects). What we need is a coordinator for this show--some RVAA member who would just receive the names and phone numbers of those who would like to exhibit, and be there during the time of hanging, maybe as little as 10-12 am on August 1st. But we do need this coordinator, or the show won't happen. If 20 people want to deliver August 1, there's probably room for five paintings each, and so on. This is a great new place for us to show and we're sure you'll want this show. Please call Linda Arnold if you would like to be the coordinator; there is no fee to collect.

Our thanks to our Treasurer Marian Cornwell who has done the paperwork and sent out checks to those who sold in our "Sweetheart of a Show".

BIG APPLE TIME is approaching! RVAA's annual trip to New York City to see the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Forbes Museum, and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club will be Saturday, April 21st. Once again we are indebted to Debbie Hughes who is securing our bus and running the trip. As usual, both RVAA members and their friends

are invited. The cost is \$24 (the bus rental went up a tad) and you may send a check made out to RVAA to Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807. We usually leave 8:45 am from the Somerset County Library's upper parking lot (near the Vo-Tech School), get to the Met about 10 (where you can also buy lunch), leave about 2 (on our bus) for the Forbes (a gem of a small museum with a variety of things) and the AWS Show. We usually leave the city about 5, arriving back home about 6. More info? Debbie's at 908/575-5442.

The Historic Chester Business Association is inviting you to apply for its 1st ANNUAL CHESTER FINE ART SHOW, Sat. June 23rd and (optional) Sunday, June 24th. The show is sponsored and run by the same folks who promote the very successful Fall Chester Craft Show, but this is a FINE ART SHOW. Space is limited; the cost for one or two days is \$75, and you may write (or phone) the Historic Chester Business Association, PO Box 320, Chester, NJ, 07930, 908/879-4814, for an application. They do want photos of your work with the application, and a copy of your NJ Sales Tax ID form.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

KEN BERNHARD is having a show of marine paintings at the Point Pleasant Library, 834 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant during March and April with the opening reception March 3rd. The event is presented by the Friends of the Point Pleasant Borough Branch of the Ocean County Library, Inc.

DEBBIE TINTLE was awarded the Pearl Paint Award at the Essex Watercolor Club Annual Members Show during the month of February.

And now, as the snowflakes all rush to beat each other to the ground, I ask you to beat a path to the mailbox soon with your news to us all!

I _____enclose

\$ _____ for myself (and _____ others) for the Big Apple Trip.

Phone number _____ Check made out to RVAA. Please send to Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ,08807